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Dear Bernie-

Thank you for the confidence implied in your letter of the 31st. I object strongly to the existence of the awards administered by scientific societies, in principle, not to tease anyone. I would vote to drop them, but if any award were made, I don't think I would refuse.

You can well understand that I do not wish to take any active part in any candidacy for such an award, and would very much prefer not even to know whether I were under consideration at ~~any particular~~ particular time. Perry Wilson and I have had a long talk about this; if you feel strongly about pressing the matter, I would appreciate it if you would discuss it with him.

I had no idea of the seniority which the third sentence of your letter implied. I also see that I had better submit a biography to AMoS at its next edition.

Thanks for your permission to use your Experientia paper- I have written to the publishers also, mostly for their information, as the journal does not seem to be copyrighted.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg